

BRIEFING  
 CHAIRMAN MAHON  
 AUG. 2, '72

I) Soviet ICBM testing

A) SS-11 - Mod 3

1) for use at J + P

B) New big missile for new SS-9 silos

1) testing of launch phase

2) probably will have MIRV's

C) New SS-11 type missile

D) Failure of SS-NX-8 test on May 27

1) 7 failures out of 22 launch attempts

II) Nikolayev ship probably helicopter carrier,  
 possibly V/STOL

III) Chinese deploy CSS-1, the 600 mm. missile

A) placed north of Korean border

B) could hit Vladivostok + Khabarovsk

C) being deployed in south + northeast

IV) Chinese conduct 14<sup>th</sup> nuclear test

A) March 18 for 170 kt

B) Second gaseous diffusion plant at  
 Chin - Kow - ho

1) 5 times U-235 as low as 1%

C) Second plutonium production complex  
 at Yu - men

29967

V) French nuclear test this year were  
3 lower yield nuclear detonations  
and 1 safety test

A) objective was to test miniaturization  
of "detonators" for thermonuclear  
warfare

VI) Egyptians announce Soviet roster on July 18

- A) Four categories of Soviet personnel
- 1) Advisors with Egyptian line units
  - 2) Instructors at schools
  - 3) Fighter + missile units for defense
  - 4) Naval air elements supporting Medit. squadron

VII) Persian Gulf

- A) Saudi Arabia and Iran both  
hope to replace Britain
- B) Iraqi intrigue against Bahrain,  
Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman
- C) Jordanian, Pak, Soviet role
- D) Seven - member UAE
- 1) President is Sheikh Zayid
  - 2) Making progress slowly
  - 3) Husayn to mediate Iraq-Saudi Arab  
(dispute)

VIII) Simla was a beginning (July)

- A) Paks agreed respect Kashmir line
- B) Indians agreed negotiate step-by-step
- C) Another meeting in Sept-Oct
- D) Yet to be resolved:

- 1) 93,000 Pak POW's
- 2) settlement of Kashmir
- 3) diplomatic relations
- 4) involvement of Bangladesh

## E) Bangladesh

- 1) jute industry starting
- 2) food short
- 3) Rahman popular
- 4) hostility to and vs. India

IX) Vietnam

- A) Quang Tri
- B) Binh Dinh
- C) Mekong Delta
- D) Vietnamization Success
- E) Damage to NVN forces & supplies
- F) Hanoi intransigent in negotiations
  - 1) wants US withdrawal
  - 2) end of US support for Thieu

X) Laos

- A) Vang Pao made little progress
- B) No progress around Pakse
- C) PL + Savanna fencing is talked
- D) Savanna has trouble with Assembly

XI) Cambodia

- A) Lon Nol got 55% in June
- B) wants Siuk Matak as VP
- C) Army on July 25 began offensive to open up main highway between Phnom Penh + Saigon

XII) Cuba

- A) 65-day jam
- B) joined CCA
- C) has diplomatic relations with Mexico, Chile, Peru
- D) sugar harvest "bad"
  - 1) 4,000,000 tons
  - 2) worst harvest ever in '63 = 3.8

XIII) Chile

- A) Opposition still viable force
- B) Congressional elections in March
- C) Allende flatters + pays military
- D) communists + others supply credit